GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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GUIDELINES FOR PESTICIDE DEALERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to issue new guidelines making it mandatory for the dealers of pesticide to have adequate knowledge of the pesticide products; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such guidelines are likely to be issued?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The Pesticides Management Bill, 2008, which has been introduced in Rajya Sabha on 21.10.2008 to replace the existing Insecticides Act, 1968, inter alia provides for grant of license to any person for manufacturing or selling or stocking or exhibiting for sale or distributing any pesticide who himself possesses, or employs a person possessing, such qualifications as may be prescribed. However, a grace period of five years is provided in the Bill for possession of the prescribed qualification by the existing license holder (except a manufacturer), or by a person employed by him.